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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Cancelled)**

2. **(Currently Amended)** The shoulder sling of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein the support pillow retains the wearer's arm in a position of approximately 15° of abduction and approximately 15° of external rotation.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The shoulder sling of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein the support pillow retains the wearer's arm in a position of approximately 15° of abduction and approximately 30° of external rotation.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The shoulder sling of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein ~~a first~~ one of the straps comprises a torso strap that extends from the support pillow adjacent the anterior edge of the medial surface to the support pillow adjacent the posterior edge of the medial surface.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The shoulder sling of Claim 4, wherein ~~a second another~~ one of the straps comprises a chest strap that extends from an anterior surface of the support pillow to an anterior edge of ~~a the~~ shoulder pad.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The shoulder sling of Claim 5, wherein ~~a third another~~ one of the straps comprises a back strap that extends from a posterior edge of the pouch to a posterior edge of the shoulder pad.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A shoulder sling for supporting a wearer's arm at desired angles of abduction and external rotation, the sling comprising:

a support pillow including a contoured medial surface for abutting the wearer's torso, and a lateral surface for operatively contacting and supporting the wearer's arm;

a pouch for receiving and at least partially enclosing the wearer's forearm; and

a plurality of straps for securing the support pillow and the pouch to the wearer; wherein

a distance between anterior edges of the medial and lateral surfaces is substantially greater than a distance between posterior edges of the medial and lateral surfaces, wherein ~~a fourth~~ one of the plurality of straps comprises an anti-rotation strap that extends from an anterior edge of a shoulder pad to the support pillow adjacent the posterior edge of the medial surface.

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8. (Currently Amended) The shoulder sling of Claim [[1]] 7, wherein the pouch is releasably secured to the support pillow lateral surface.

9. (Currently Amended) The shoulder sling of Claim [[1]] 7, further comprising a resilient compressible member secured to an anterior surface of the support pillow.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The A shoulder sling of Claim 7, wherein for supporting a wearer's arm at desired angles of abduction and external rotation, the sling comprising:

~~a support pillow including a contoured medial surface for abutting the wearer's torso, and a lateral surface for operatively contacting and supporting the wearer's arm;~~

~~a pouch for receiving and at least partially enclosing the wearer's forearm; and~~

~~a plurality of straps for securing the support pillow and the pouch to the wearer; wherein~~

an upper surface of the support pillow includes a straight indicator line that provides a visual cue to the wearer so that the wearer knows when the sling is properly fitted.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The shoulder sling of Claim [[15]] 7, further comprising a wherein the shoulder pad that cooperates with at least one of the plurality of straps to suspend the support pillow from the wearer's shoulder.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The shoulder sling of Claim [[15]] 7, wherein the support pillow is shaped and configured such that when the support pillow occupies a first orientation it

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is adapted to support the wearer's right arm, and when the support pillow is inverted from the first orientation it is adapted to support the wearer's left arm.

23. (**Canceled**)

24. (**Canceled**)

25. (**Currently Amended**) The shoulder sling of Claim [[23]] 4, wherein the torso strap further comprises a buckle adapted to quickly secure the torso strap about the wearer's torso and quickly release the torso strap from the wearer's torso.

26. (**Currently Amended**) The shoulder sling of Claim 13, wherein the straight indicator line is positioned and oriented to provide the visual cue to the wearer when the wearer has the pillow properly fitted and positioned so as to maintain the wearer's arm in a position of external rotation.

27. (**Previously Presented**) The shoulder sling of Claim 26, wherein the straight indicator line is arranged to be generally parallel to an orthogonal direction relative to the wearer's body when the sling is properly fitted so as to maintain the wearer's arm in the position of external rotation.

28. (**Previously Presented**) The shoulder sling of Claim 27, wherein the orthogonal direction is a medial-lateral axis of the wearer's body.